

March 10, 2022

HAND DELIVERED

Regional Flood Control District
201 N. Stone Avenue, 9th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Rosemont Copper Company ("Rosemont") Notice of Exempt Activities

Dear Regional Flood Control District Board:

Rosemont owns certain private land in the northern Santa Rita Mountains, in an historic mining area called the Helvetia Mining District. Rosemont anticipates starting clearing, grading, stockpiling and other earthwork activities related to the construction of tailings and waste rock storage facilities on this land in April. The facilities will be used in connection with Rosemont's future mining and metallurgical operations.

In accordance with *A.R.S. § 48-3613* and *Pima County Code § 16.12.020*, Rosemont submits for review and comment only and not for any approval or permitting, plans for these facilities. The attached plans are being submitted for the Board's review and comment. Specifically:

1. Figure 1: Vicinity Map
2. Figure 2: Proposed Project Facilities – Overall
3. Figure 3: Proposed Project Facilities – View 1
4. Figure 4: Proposed Project Facilities – View 2
5. Figure 5: Proposed Project Facilities – View 3
6. Figure 6: Site Water Management – Closure

Figures 2-5 show the location of the project facilities relative to Pima County's designated floodplains in the area. Figure 6 shows the routing of stormwater around and through the site once the facilities are fully constructed.

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These figures show all facilities for the project that Rosemont plans to begin permitting with various state agencies later this year. The complete project includes Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF), Waste Rock Facilities (WRF), a Heap Leach Pad (HLP), multiple open pits, and a plant site. If any of the facilities that are not exempt from floodplain permitting ultimately require development within a designated floodplain, Rosemont will submit an application for a Floodplain Use Permit at the appropriate time.

Arizona law specifies written authorization is not required for, nor shall the Flood Control District Board prohibit construction of, tailings dams and waste disposal areas used in connection with mining and metallurgical operations. *A.R.S. § 48-3613(B)(3)*. Before the authorized construction may begin, Rosemont must submit plans to the Board for review and comment. *A.R.S. § 48-3613(C)*. The Pima County Code similarly provides that while plans are to be submitted to Board for review and comment, the Board shall not prohibit and shall not require a flood plain use permit or require authorization for construction of tailings dams and waste-disposal areas used in connection with mining and metallurgical operations. *Pima County Code § 16.12.020*.

Accordingly, Rosemont submits the plans for review and comment. Rosemont requests any comments be provided within a reasonable time, not to exceed 20 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Javier Del Rio', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Javier Del Rio
Vice President, South America and USA